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Fantastic Four **HOUSE OF M** TM



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The New Avengers and the Astonishing X-Men met to discuss the fate of Wanda Maximoff, the Scarlet Witch--the daughter of the powerful mutant terrorist Magneto. After losing control of her reality-altering powers and suffering a total nervous breakdown, Wanda unleashed chaos upon the Avengers, killing and injuring many of their number.

Magneto intervened and took his daughter to the devastated island-nation of Genosha, where Charles Xavier--Professor X, the founder of the X-Men--was to help her recover. Xavier failed, and now it is up to Wanda's friends and teammates to decide whether she will live or die. But Magneto, Wanda, and her brother Pietro disappear...

Then the world burns to white. Reality as we knew it is gone...

...to be replaced by a society in which humans are the oppressed minority and mutants run the culture, ruling over all existing countries, religions, and politics. A kingdom united under the House of M.

HOUSE OF M

Betrayal is in the air. No longer content to be the most powerful man in a world controlled by mutants, Victor Von Doom, Lord of Latervia, has hatched a plan to take down the all-powerful House of M. Assisting him in his scheme is his super-powered family, known as the Fearsome Four.

Doom, along with his wife Valeria, son Kristoff, and the hideous and much-abused family pet known as The It, has led Lord Magneto and Prince Pietro to a far-away dimension, promising that this remote plane will be a suitable place to incarcerate Magneto's enemies. But Magneto has no greater enemy than Doom, and in this strange dimension, Magneto's mutant magnetic mastery will pale next to Doom's sorcery. It's the perfect plan... unless, of course, Doom has overlooked an enemy of his own.

Let the backstabbing begin!

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MAGNETO,
PERHAPS THIS
IS A GOOD TIME
FOR US TO
DISCUSS YOUR
SURRENDER.

KING FOR A DAY

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THIS IS
MADNESS, DOOM.
SUICIDE! I COULD
TURN YOU INSIDE OUT
WITH NO MORE EFFORT
THAN BATTING AN
EYELASH.

YES?
THEN WHY
DON'T YOU,
MAGNUS?

IT'S
BECAUSE YOU
CAN'T. NOT
HERE.



NO, QUICKSILVER IS CORRECT.
THINGS WORK *DIFFERENTLY* IN
THIS GOD-FORSAKEN DIMENSION,
SO FAR AWAY FROM OUR REALITY
THAT ITS RULES AREN'T EVEN
RECOGNIZABLE.

DO YOU
KNOW HOW LONG IT
TOOK ME TO *FIND* THIS
PLACE? A PLACE WHERE
YOUR *FREAKISH* GENETIC
TALENT FOR MANIPULATING
ELECTROMAGNETICS
WOULD NOT GIVE YOU
YOUR *TYPICAL* UNFAIR
ADVANTAGE?

YOU ARE
IN MY PLACE OF
STRENGTH NOW, MAGNUS.
A PLACE WHERE THE UNHOLY
POWER OF THE *FEARSOME
FOUR* IS AT ITS STRONGEST.
IT IS NOT THE LAWS OF
SCIENCE THAT PREVAIL ON
THIS PLANE...BUT THE
DARK ARTS--

SOMETHING'S *ROTTEN* ABOUT
THIS PLACE. THERE'S NO WAY
THE PETTY *WITCHERY* OF
THAT WOMAN SHOULD
BE FAST ENOUGH TO
CATCH ME.

THAT
"WOMAN"
HAPPENS TO
BE MY MOM,
PIETRO.

YOU
CAN REFER TO HER
AS "THE *INVINCIBLE
WOMAN*," UNLESS YOU
WANT TO FIND OUT WHAT
BURNT TONGUE TASTES LIKE.



SHOOON

-- SORCERY!



THE MYSTICAL ENERGY THAT GIVES ME MY INHUMAN TORCH POWERS... I CAN FEEL IT, SURGING WITHIN ME. AND I'M GIVING OFF CRAZY HEAT! IT FEELS AWESOME!

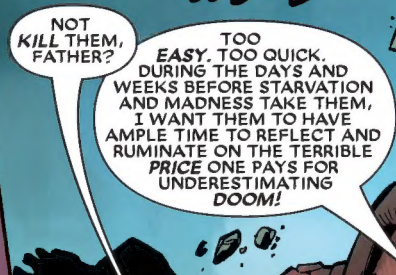
YES, KRISTOFF. BUT BE PREPARED TO FEEL AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT SORT OF POWER WHEN WE RETURN HOME-- TO A WORLD THAT NOW BELONGS TO US.



YOU'RE GOING TO REGRET THIS, VICTOR.

I FIND THAT HIGHLY UNLIKELY.

BEAT THEM INTO UNCONSCIOUSNESS, CREATURE, AND LET US DEPART.



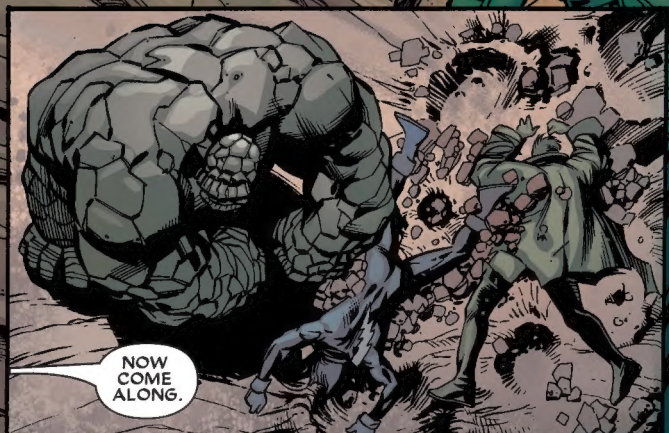
NOT KILL THEM, FATHER?

TOO EASY. TOO QUICK. DURING THE DAYS AND WEEKS BEFORE STARVATION AND MADNESS TAKE THEM, I WANT THEM TO HAVE AMPLE TIME TO REFLECT AND RUMINATE ON THE TERRIBLE PRICE ONE PAYS FOR UNDERESTIMATING DOOM!

WHAMM!

BAM!

SMASH



NOW COME ALONG.



OUR WORLD AWAITS.



OH, DARLING, THAT WAS SO MUCH FUN. I DO LOVE YOU SO.

YEAH, DAD... THAT ROCKED!



M-MY LORD... BACK SO SOON?

AND W-W-WHEN DO YOU EXPECT LORD MAGNETO AND THE PRINCE TO RETURN?

MY ROUGH ESTIMATION?



NEVER.

STRONG!

THE
WORLD WE KNOW
IS ABOUT TO SEE
SOME VERY DRASTIC,
VERY WELCOME
CHANGES.

I KNOW
MOST OF
YOU ARE LOYAL
TO ME.

HOWEVER...
I SUSPECT AT
LEAST A COUPLE
OF YOU HAVE
ALLEGIANCES
THAT LIE WITH
MAGNETO.

SO I
DON'T PLAN
ON TAKING
CHANCES WITH
ANY OF YOU.

FRSSHICKSSSHRRCK

I'LL BE IN MY NEW QUARTERS,
DRAFTING A SPEECH ABOUT
THE ACCIDENT WHICH SO
TRAGICALLY TOOK THE LIVES
OF THE BELOVED HOUSE
OF M MONARCHY.

I WILL
THEN GENEROUSLY
OFFER MY LEADERSHIP TO
HELP GUIDE A MOURNING
WORLD THROUGH
THESE TURBULENT AND
TROUBLED TI--

NO.

VALERIA,
DEAL WITH POLARIS.
KRISTOFF, INCINERATE
THIS MESS, THEN DESTROY
THE EXTRADIMENSIONAL
TRANSPORTER. EVERY LAST
BIT OF IT, DOWN TO THE
LAST SCREW, GEAR AND
MICROCHIP.

THEN FIND
A HOLDING CELL
SUITABLE FOR
THE IT.





HEY, MOM,
YOU CARE IF I
HELP YOU WITH
POLARIS?

OF
COURSE,
MY SWEET
PRINCE.

LEAVE HIM
TO SMASH UP THIS
STUFF. THAT'S ALL HE'S
GOOD FOR, AFTER
ALL.

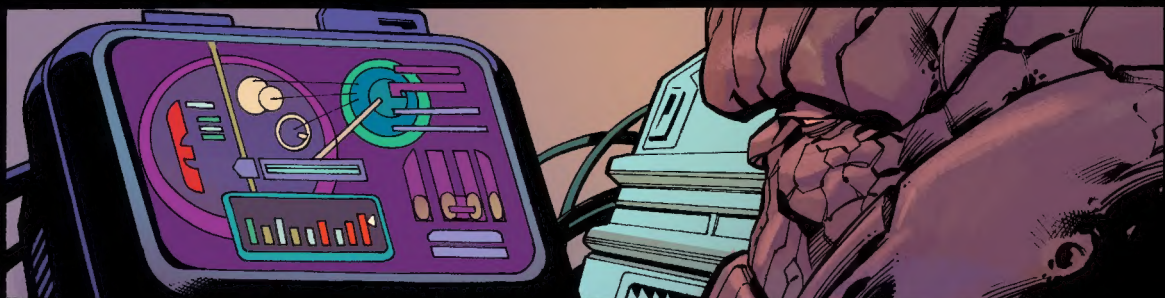
YOU MAKE
SURE TO CLEAN IT UP
AFTER YOU'RE DONE. ALL
OF IT, YOU HORRIBLE,
UNGRATEFUL, STUPID
CREATURE.

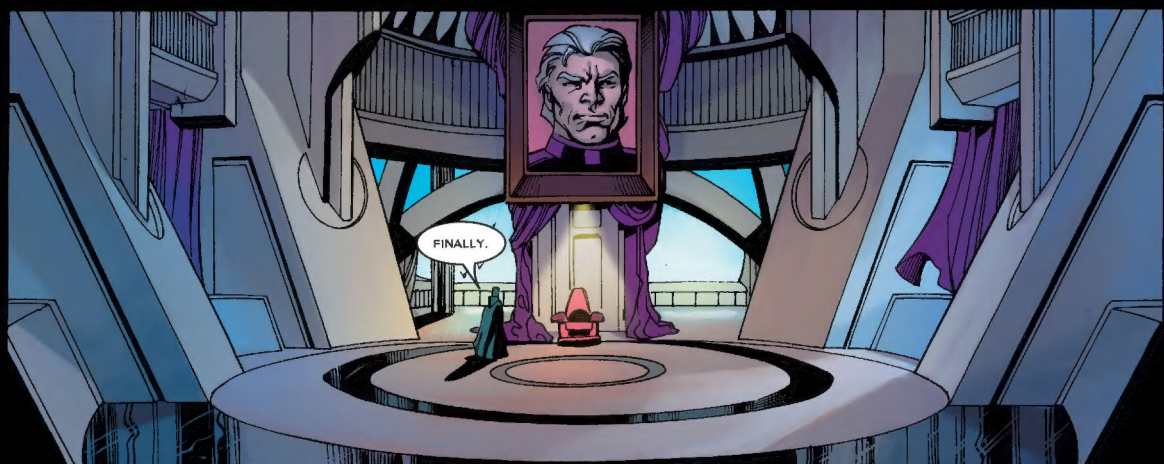


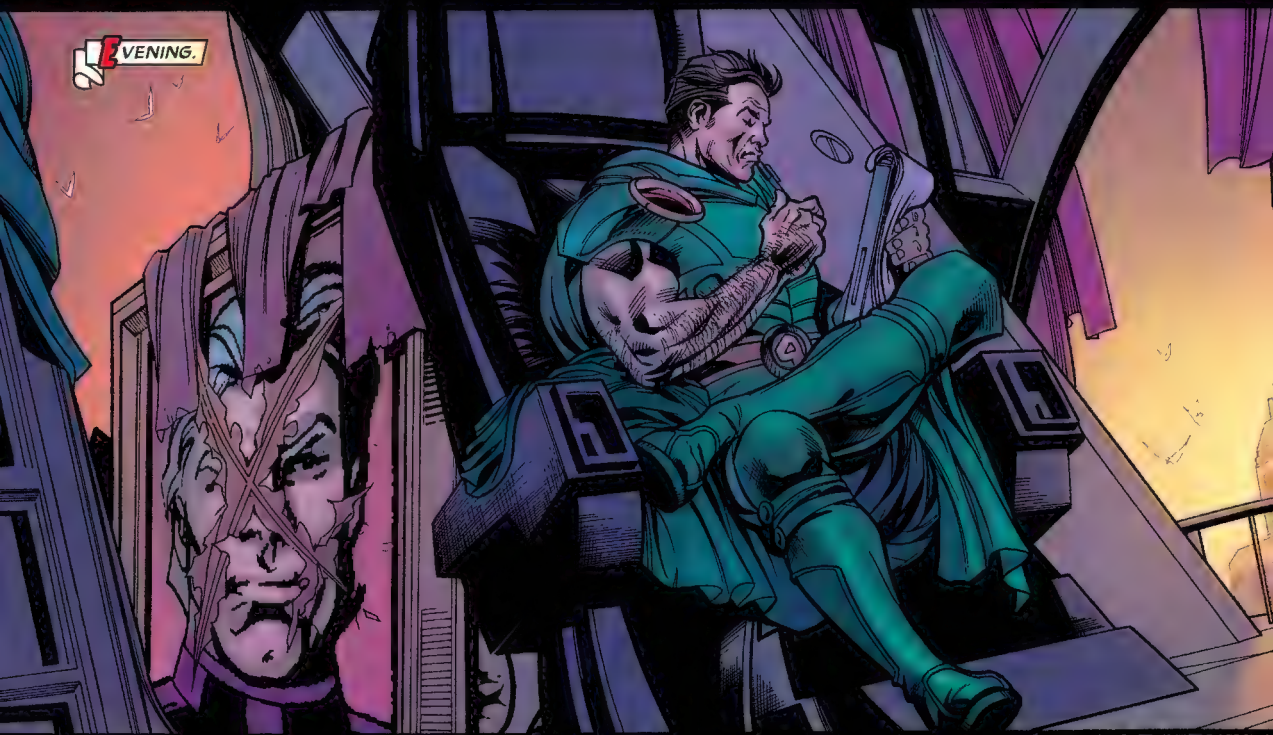
I THINK
LADY POLARIS'
GREEN HAIR
IS REALLY
PRETTY.



I CAN'T
WAIT TO SEE
IT BURN!







VALERIA, DEAR.
KRISTOFF, THERE
YOU ARE.

TELL ME, WHAT DO YOU
THINK OF MY CLOSING
LINE: "AND, IN CONCLUSION,
I--EMPEROR VICTOR VON
DOOM THE FIRST--SWEAR
TO CRUSH--

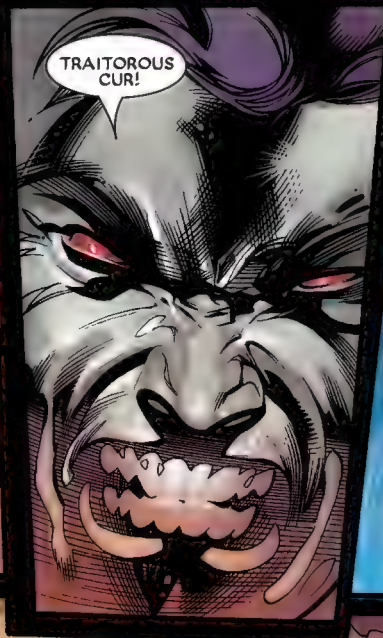
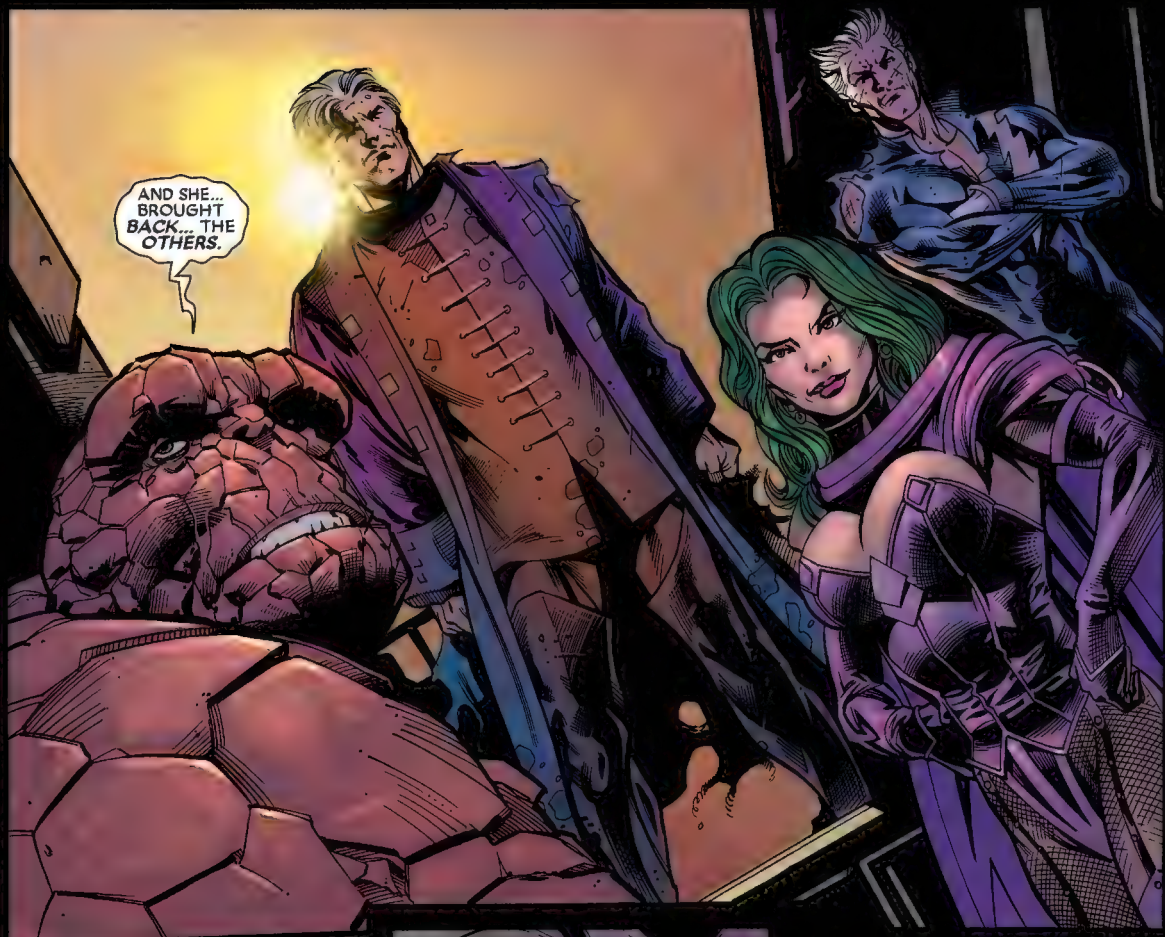
THE
DANE WOMAN.
SHE IS NOWHERE
TO BE FOUND.

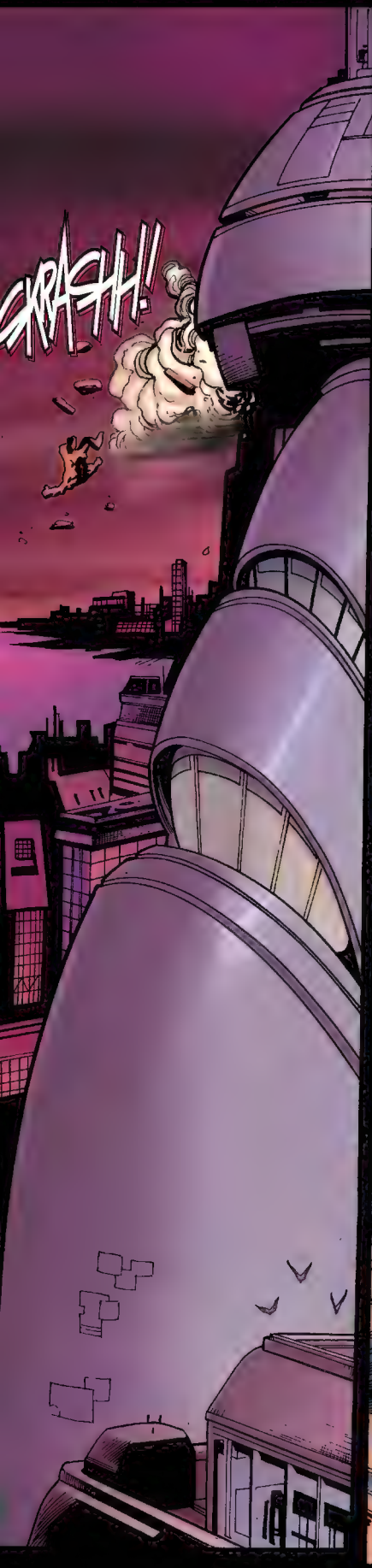
WHAT!?!


WE'VE
LOOKED
EVERYWHERE,
FATHER, SHE--



SHE
IS WITH
ME. I...
FOUND
HER.







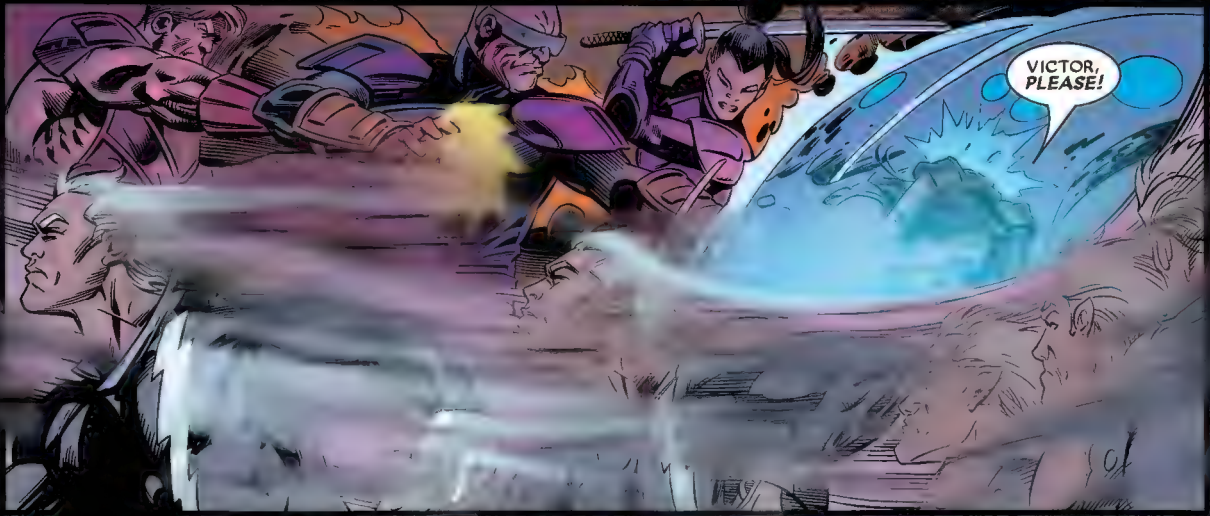
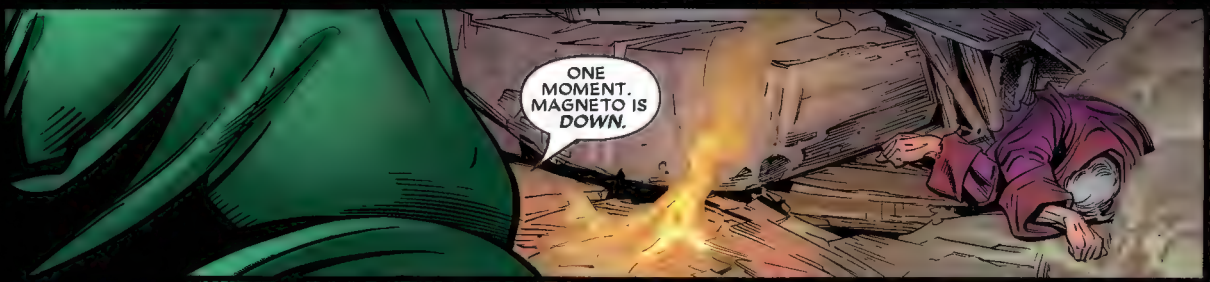
THE HOUSE OF
M HAS BEEN **MORE**
THAN GENEROUS TO
YOU, AND **THIS** IS HOW
YOU REPAY US?

DID YOU
REALLY EXPECT
I WOULD EVER
WILLINGLY SUBMIT
TO THE LIKES OF YOU,
MAGNUS? ME?!
DOOM?!?!?

NO
MORE.

CRASHH







...FINISH THIS.

FW WWOOM!!

BAD MOVE.

A VERY
BAD
MOVE.

WHA--
WHAT HAVE
I DONE?

YOU
MADE A
CHOICE,
DOOM...

...A HORRIBLE
MISCALCULATION,
BASED ON YOUR
SELFISH, SKEWED
PRIORITIES...

...A FATAL
ERROR.

YOU
MIGHT HAVE HAD A
CHANCE, METAL MAN,
HAD YOU KEPT YOUR
FAMILY ALIVE TO
FACE A MASTER OF
MAGNETISM.

AND A
MISTRESS.

NOW,
YOU ARE LOST,
AND THE QUESTION
REMAINS...

...WHAT
TO DO WITH
YOU?






NO!!



NO, MY LORD, PLEASE! HAVE MERCY! I DIDN'T KNOW. I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT HE WAS PLANNING.

PLEASE, M'LORD... MERCY.




THE BOY IS A TRAITOR, MY LORD. VILE! DUPLICITOUS!

HE IS NO SON OF MINE. HE'S A MONSTER!



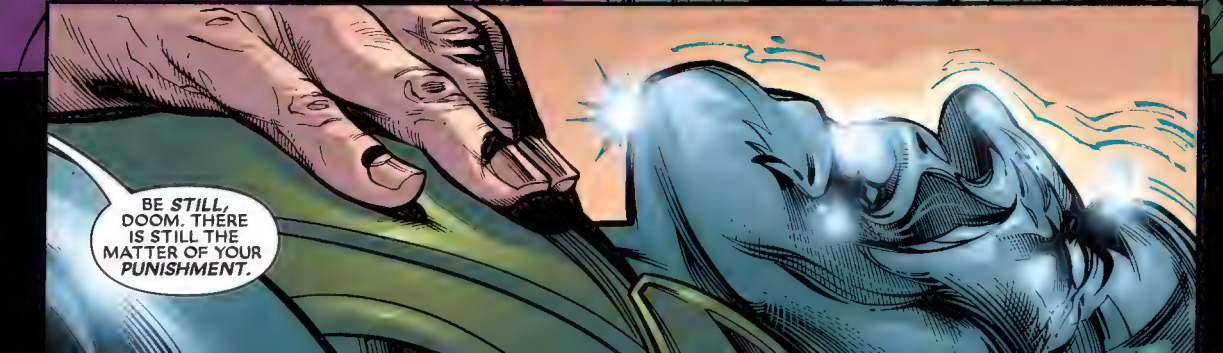
WELL, THEN, IF THAT IS THE CASE...I GRANT YOU YOUR MERCY, LADY DOOM.

AND I WILL SEE YOU ARE TAKEN FAR AWAY FROM HERE AND PROTECTED. I'LL MAKE SURE YOU NEVER HAVE TO SEE YOUR TRAITOROUS SPAWN AGAIN.



THANK YOU, M'LORD, THANK YOU.

MOTHER!!!



BE STILL, DOOM. THERE IS STILL THE MATTER OF YOUR PUNISHMENT.



YOU BETRAYED ME, AFTER ALL I'D DONE FOR YOU, ALL I'D GIVEN YOU.

YOU TRIED TO USURP ME. KILL ME. KILL MY FAMILY.

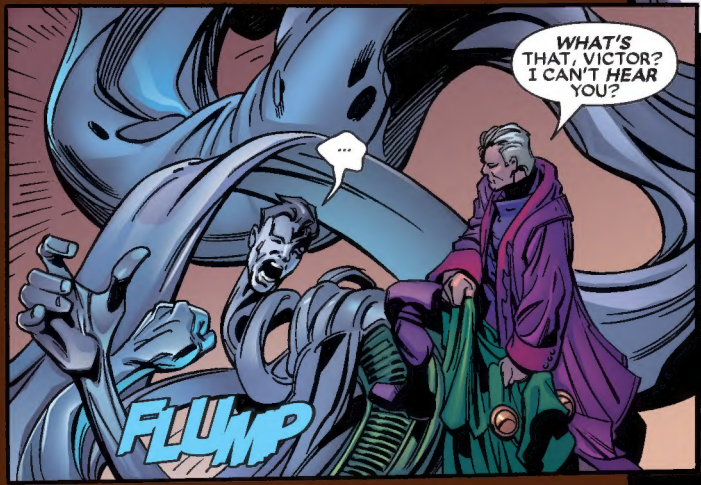
TELL ME... WHAT **SHOULD** YOUR FATE BE? WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

SCREEEEEE

HAARRRRHHH!



GAAHHH...



WHAT'S THAT, VICTOR? I CAN'T HEAR YOU?

FLUMP



K-KILL ME.

NO.
I HAVE PLANS FOR YOU.

I FORGIVE YOU.

REMOVE HIM FROM MY SIGHT.



MY LORD?
IS THAT WISE...
LETTING HIM
LIVE?

DOOM IS DIABOLICAL.
HE COULD MAKE ANOTHER
ATTEMPT ON THE THRONE.



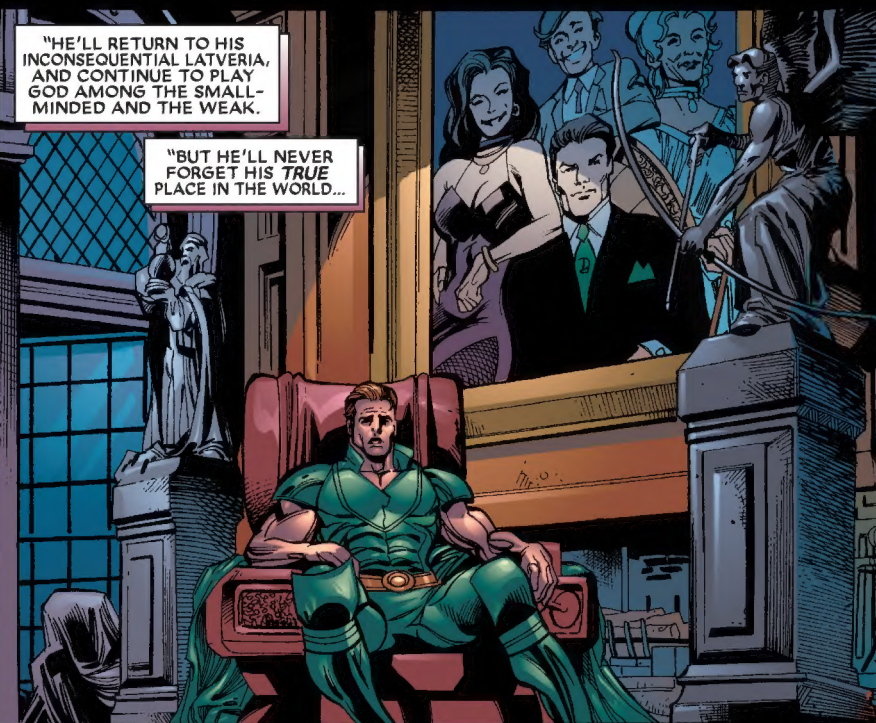
INDEED
HE MIGHT.
BUT HE WON'T
SUCCEED.



"HE'LL NEVER BE AS STRONG
AS HE WAS, AND HE'LL NEVER
HAVE AS MUCH TO FIGHT FOR.
HE HAS LOST **EVERYTHING**
HE'S EVER HELD DEAR.

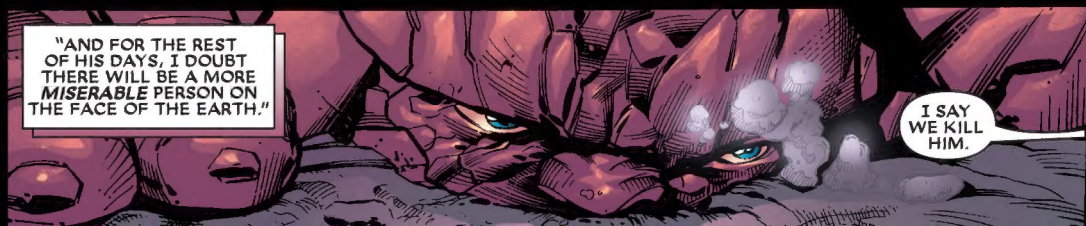


"VICTOR
VON DOOM
IS A BROKEN
MAN.



"HE'LL RETURN TO HIS
INCONSEQUENTIAL LATVERIA,
AND CONTINUE TO PLAY
GOD AMONG THE SMALL-
MINDED AND THE WEAK.

"BUT HE'LL NEVER
FORGET HIS **TRUE**
PLACE IN THE WORLD...



"AND FOR THE REST
OF HIS DAYS, I DOUBT
THERE WILL BE A MORE
MISERABLE PERSON ON
THE FACE OF THE EARTH."

I SAY
WE KILL
HIM.



UGHNNN

HURRY UP! HE'S COMING TO.

HE'S OBVIOUSLY A **MUTIE**. FINISH HIM OFF BEFORE HE REGAINS HIS SENSES.



NO!!... NOT A MUTANT.

I WAS A MAN...A HUMAN...



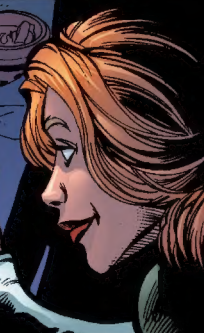
...BEFORE I BECAME A MONSTER.

NOT A MUTIE, YOU SAY?

HMM. BIG STRONG FELLA LIKE THAT--BE A BIG HELP FOR THE HUMAN RESISTANCE.



C'MON, LET'S GET YOU UNDERGROUND, BEFORE ANY SENTINEL PATROLS SPOT YOU.



IT'S... PITCH BLACK IN HERE...CAN'T SEE.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT A THING, MISTER.

MY NAME IS ALICIA... YOU'RE IN GOOD HANDS WITH ME.

THE END